

Marlboro Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes - Draft
January 4, 2023

In attendance: Eva Grimaldi, Hunter Jack, Lindy Corman, Emily Falta, Hannah Brookman, Mike Purcell

Called to order by Chair at 6:18 pm

Approved minutes from 12/7/22

No unscheduled public comment

1) Scheduled Business:

- Follow up on emails from November and report back to rest of commission (Eva)
 - Initiative around invasive species - Info on a template if we want to write a letter to our representatives to encourage statewide recognition and education about invasive plants and promote additional management and volunteer activities
 - Ash borer inventory - Laurel Copeland from Halifax CC
 - **Eva** will share resources from Laurel with us
 - Joann Garton can teach us how to do the inventory– **Eva** will contact Joann and get more information about training
 - State hosted a meeting for the town road commissions in December– **Eva** will reach out to the road commission about it and find out if they have a plan in place and how we might collaborate with them
 - Discussion about relationship between logging and current use program
 - Find out how large tracts of forest land are currently being managed
 - Mike shared about past experience on conservation commission and experience with Hogback preservation
 - Reach out to local foresters and ask about their plans for ash borer – **Hannah** will compile a list
 - Legislation proposed to get rid of current use, but what about expanding current use? Could be another component to current use that incorporates wildlife and/or recreational use. Role for advocacy? Table for future conversation.
 - Eva had a conversation with Peter VanLoon and he can also help connect us to helpful resources
- Report on any important email communication since last meeting (Lindy)
 - Link to SE Region Conservation Commission Gathering on January 19 at 6pm. Virtual event hosted by Margo Ghia, (Natural Resources & Energy Planner, Windham Regional Commission)
 - **Lindy** will forward email and invite Planning Commission to come to meeting
 - Info from Halifax CC about trapping and snares
 - **Emily** will check and respond to CC email for January
- Review communication to planning commission and DRB

- **Emily** will share draft email with commission members who will edit and approve prior to sending

2) New Business:

- Come up with a plan and timeline for community outreach - both virtual and in-person
 - Presence at town meeting
 - **Eva** will reach out to Nick/Forest about budget approval process
 - Suggestion box in the town office or at the Community Center?
 - Meet and greet at Community Center toward end of March– **Emily** will reach out to community center
 - Put the word out in the mixer and FPF
- Mike intro
 - Real estate agent- land sales, fun to explore land, project coordinator for land developers, advocate for property owner rights, prodevelopment, knowledgeable about current use; Lover of the outdoors - builds trails, mountain biker, big on benefits of public recreation. He hopes to contribute by providing historical context of the conservation commission and continuity (he served on it in the past), and to offer a different perspective.
- Next meeting on Wednesday, February 1, 2023:
 - Follow up on action items in **bold**
 - Consider and discuss other short term goals

3) Adjourn at 7:18 pm